

ACTIVITIES OF THE WASHINGTON TIMES DISTRICT SAM'S ASSISTANTS

ENGRAVING

HOLIDAY IS TAKEN BY MANY EMPLOYEES

Department Bears Deserted Aspect During Week of Election.

VOTERS RETURNING TO WORK TOMORROW

Women Also Take Rest While Voters are Away at Home.

The election has made the Bureau of Engraving and Printing take on a more or less deserted appearance for the past week or ten days, the greatest number of voters to go to any election, having gone out this time. Taking advantage of the absence of the men, many of the women employees enjoyed brief vacations. Among those in section eight who have been on leave for the past week include Mrs. Martha Chaplin, Miss Helen Dillon, Miss Mary Gately, Miss Florence Green, Miss Emma Melon, Miss Margaret O'Brien, Miss Annie Stanford, Miss Dorothy Trail, Miss Annie Kelly, Miss Inogene Lester, and Miss Lois Mooney.

The men absent from section eight the past week include Norris Calkin, William Campbell, James C. Clinton, John Demey, Benjamin Dierdorf, William Doyle, James Gibson, John Hardie, Joseph Hardie, Jacob Heide, Jesse Jackson, Bernard Kroger, Charles Lavender, Paul O'Neil, William Sackett, William Montgomery, William Hance, James Skilton, Alfred Young, J. R. Murphy, and J. J. Campbell. All these employees are expected to resume work tomorrow.

The following assistants have been on leave from section ten for the past week: Miss Ester Deahle, Miss Susan King, Miss Louie Lockert, Miss Carrie Marney, Miss Alice Meyer, Miss Louise Shea, Miss George Sanderson, Miss Edna Ward, Miss Mary Brew, Miss Julia Milstead, and Miss Elsie Duerringer. Miss Annie Caton, of the examining division, has been on leave of absence for the past week.

A full force is expected to report tomorrow morning when most of the voters will have returned, and all the divisions will resume the regular schedule.

CALLED TO BEDSIDE OF FATHER, VERY ILL

Miss Dora Varney, of section one, was called to the bedside of her father on Saturday morning last, a few minutes after entering the bureau for work of the day, and found him in a critical condition, although well and apparently in perfect health when she left home but an hour or so previous.

James Quirk, of the wetting division, paid a visit to his home in New York the past week.

Hugo DeR. Metson, of the wetting division, is visiting his home in New York.

Superintendent Edwin Fowler, of section ten, whose room has been closed during the election period because of the great exodus of voters, has been substituting in section eight, where his services have been greatly appreciated by the employees. Mr. Fowler will resume operations in his division tomorrow.

D. J. Bowman, of section ten, is paying a visit to relatives in Boston, Mass.

Section ten employees away for the past week for election and other purposes, and who are expected to resume work tomorrow, include J. P. Wetzel, Samuel Adamson, Edward Atkinson, Thomas Devlin, W. J. Dooley, E. V. Farley, John Fredrick, William Stuckert, J. Hulse, Edward Kane, C. J. Kraus, P. Leon, Fred Meyer, N. E. Toole, W. C. O'Brien, W. E. Riley, George Thurber, and Gustave Weckel.

Viey Gtraffitt, of the examining division, is taking two weeks of his annual leave.

Miss Lou Hopewell, of section eight, has been on a visit to her home in Virginia for the past week.

Miss Minnie Butler, of section ten, is away on leave of absence.

MARRIED 20 YEARS, HAS CELEBRATION

Jacob Faye, of the examining division, celebrated the twentieth anniversary of his marriage on Saturday last.

Miss Lucy Homer, of the examining division, has been transferred to the trimming division.

Edward Shankle, of the examining division, night force, is paying a three-week visit to his home in Pennsylvania.

Harry Houser, of the examining division, has gone to his home, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, to spend two weeks.

Miss Lockman, messenger of section 7, has been on a vacation for the past week.

Miss Marie Barker, of the wetting division, is visiting friends in Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. Zella Eldred, of section 1, has been on leave of absence for the past week.

J. B. Murray, chief of the wetting division, is visiting friends in Philadelphia, Pa.

Albert L. Sellen, of the wetting division, is visiting at his home in Tennessee.

James Shanahan and Bonner Gillen, of section 1, have been absent on vacations.

Mrs. Nellie Snyder, of the examining division, is away from duty because of her sister's illness.

Joseph Cain, Frank Herbert, Thomas Schooley, and William Wright, of sec-

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AGE LIMIT MAY BE RAISED AT MEETING

Immediate Relief Association Will Have Session Tomorrow Afternoon.

VOTE TO BE TAKEN ON THE QUESTION

Expect Membership Will Be Increased If Proposition Is Carried.

Chief Clerk S. R. Burch, who is president of the Department of Agriculture Immediate Relief Association, has issued a call for a meeting of the members of the association to be held in the council room adjoining the chief clerk's office, in the main building of the department, at 4:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, for the purpose of considering an amendment to the constitution, which in effect will place the age limit for new members at fifty years.

It is proposed to have this amendment, if adopted, become effective sixty days after date of adoption. The association now has 644 members, more than 200 of whom are over fifty years of age. Many of the members believe that the new rule is necessary to the life of the association, and it is also believed that if the age limit is applied that the younger employees of the department will join and soon swell the membership to at least 1,000. With a membership this large it will only be necessary to have one assessment for every two deaths.

CATTLE DISEASES TO BE PUBLISHED

The division of publications has sent to the Public Printer the manuscript for the revised edition of the special report on the "Diseases of Cattle," the last session of Congress having made provision for an edition of 10,000 copies of this popular and much-sought work. The books will be for distribution by members of Congress principally.

The Farmers' National Committee on Industrial Alcohol will meet at the National Hotel, in Washington, on Tuesday, for a five days' session. The committee is composed principally of the masters of State granges. The principal feature of the sessions will be an exhibit of alcohol appliances, such as alcohol lamps, stove, chafing dishes, and coffee percolators.

The denatured alcohol distillery being operated at the Bureau of Chemistry is giving a popular and effective affair. Lectures are given each morning at 10 o'clock by specialists on some feature of the denatured alcohol industry. The distillery will be in operation till the middle of this month.

H. M. EDSALL DIES AT INDIANA HOME

H. M. Edsall, a popular and efficient clerk who has been employed in the Bureau of Animal Industry for the past several years, and who went to his home in Northern Indiana about six weeks ago in the hope of improving his health, died there the past week. Mr. Edsall is survived by his wife, who is now at the family home in Indiana.

E. J. Maloy, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, has returned to his desk after spending about two weeks at his old home in Dennison, Ohio, where he was accompanied by his wife.

C. C. McDonnell, of the Bureau of Chemistry, has returned to his desk after spending the month of November.

Miss Mary Sue Hurt, sister-in-law of W. S. Stamper, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, visited their homes, in New York, the past week.

Miss Mary Osterman, clerk in the examining division, is away on leave of absence for several days.

The employees of section nine on voting leave the past week included A. P. Meyers, C. Duckert, Harry MacFate, E. Morris, J. P. Miltzner, C. H. Williams, Fred E. Johnson, S. E. Beach, J. Iiams, E. Kahoe, E. Meyers, R. E. Doy, and Messrs. Kraft and Yates.

Harry Szegedy, superintendent of section nine, who has been confined to his home by illness for the past two months, is now able to be out on the street.

Miss Katherine Wilson, of the examining division, is taking a week of her annual leave.

COL. W. T. NALL TAKES WEEK'S HUNT

Col. W. T. Nall, of the engraving division, who left Monday for New York to vote, has been spending the time since on an up-State hunt with a party of friends from the metropolis.

Dr. Young, custodian of rolls and dies, who went to his home in Virginia to vote, is spending a week hunting with a party of friends from Washington.

Charles Knight, of the engraving division, was away from the bureau last week on account of a death in the family.

A. C. Stienbrenner, foreman of the old home in Iowa, where he expects to spend his month's leave.

T. Plant, of the numbering division, was in Baltimore for a short time the past week.

C. Lash, of the numbering division, is taking two weeks of his annual leave.

J. Sullivan, of the numbering division, has been on a vacation for the past week.

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mal industry, was married at the home of the latter in Drummond, Md., on Thursday evening to Dr. G. E. Campbell, the Rev. Thomas Duncan, rector of St. John's Church, of Tenleytown road, officiating. The happy couple left for the Southern Railway at 10:45 o'clock for Danville, Va., and other points in the South. They will reside at Hampton, Tenn., where Dr. Campbell is a prosperous practicing physician.

C. O. Gallant, of the Bureau of Chemistry, will leave tomorrow for a vacation of two weeks.

Miss Marie L. Dallas, of the Bureau of Chemistry, is taking a month's vacation.

W. S. Stamper, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, who was the purchaser of the small building sold at auction by the Bureau of Plant Industry, will have the building taken to his home at Drummond, Md.

Dr. W. F. Harding, of the editorial section of the division of publications, returned Thursday from Indianapolis, Ind., where he paid a visit to relatives and friends, and cast his vote.

Louis S. Wilson, photographer for the department, returned Wednesday from a voting and visiting trip to his home in New Jersey.

F. L. Rector, bacteriologist of the Bureau of Chemistry, is taking two weeks.

J. H. A. Schreder, of the Bureau of Chemistry, is taking a vacation for three weeks.

CAMPBELL GRANTED THREE WEEKS' LEAVE

W. G. Campbell, chief inspector of the Bureau of Chemistry, has been granted leave for three weeks. He will spend the time hunting in the South.

Robert S. Jones, of the Bureau of Chemistry, has been on a vacation for the past week.

Miss M. D. Moore, of the Bureau of Chemistry, will return to her desk tomorrow after a two weeks' leave of absence.

Stuart A. Postal, of the Bureau of Chemistry, will return to his desk tomorrow, after a vacation visit to his old home in Columbus, Ohio.

G. Arthur Bell, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, leaves today for New York to attend the National Horse Show.

George R. Samsen, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, was on leave for a few days the past week to secure necessary treatment for his eyes.

SECRETARY WILSON MAKES GOOD RECORD

Secretary Wilson returned to the Department of Agriculture yesterday morning after a most successful stump-swinging trip in the States of Maine, Indiana, Nebraska, Kansas, and Iowa. He cast his ballot at his home town, Iowa, before leaving for the trip East.

The Secretary, who lacks only a few months of having the banner record for service in the Cabinet, proved to be a most effective speaker among the farmers, and that he was well worked campaign hard in the closing days of the election, in which he played a conspicuous part.

Col. S. R. Burch, chief clerk of the department, has returned to his desk on a trip, which included a stop at his home in Denver, Col. He was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Webb, of Denver, on the return trip.

F. G. Kelsey, of the office of the solicitor, accompanied by his wife, returned from a vacation trip to his old home in New York State.

E. E. Forbes, of the disbursing force, has returned from a vacation of a month spent in Iowa.

E. D. Yerby, of the disbursing office, is spending his leave on a hunting trip to Virginia.

Miss M. Sexton, of the disbursing office, has returned to her desk after a short vacation.

L. H. Harrington, of the disbursing office, accompanied by his wife, is spending his vacation at his old home in Ohio, where he arrived in time to cast his vote.

Several hundred yards of rubber trailing about four feet wide has been placed in the corridors of the new building. The department proper is receiving an interior coat of paint, and now presents a spick and span appearance.

WILHITE PLEASED WITH NEW POSITION

C. O. Wilhite, of Forest Service, has gone to his home at Crawfordville, Ind., to spend a month's vacation, after which he will proceed to his new station in Montana. Mr. Wilhite is very much pleased with his new assignment, and expects to have abundant opportunity to bag large game, as he is proficient in the handling of firearms. Mr. Wilhite served in the Philippines during the insurrection there, and has several medals awarded him for bravery and marksmanship.

William S. Campbell, of the office of the Secretary, was married on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock to Miss Harriett Hartley Gates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter N. Gates, of this city. The marriage took place at the residence of his home town, Trappe, Md., where the bride and groom were met by a party of friends.

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DISTRICT

LOUIS C. WILSON NOW IS NOTED NEAR-HERO

District Disbursing Officer Willing to Do Battle Any Time Burglars Call.

HEARS FUNNY NOISE WHILE HE WORKS

Thinks Some Midnight Thief Has Broken Into the Vaults and Goes in With Revolver.

It was the hour of midnight.

Alone in his office sat Louis C. Wilson, Disbursing Officer, engaged in the compilation of the payroll the District's services were to receive as the result of the toll. In the vaults reposed thousands of dollars, but no thought of danger crossed the mind of the Disbursing Officer, as he busied himself with the accounts. Suddenly from the rear office adjacent to the vaults came a sound as of some one stealthily crossing the floor.

"Strange," muttered Mr. Wilson. "Can it be that any of the employees here without my knowledge?"

To assure himself he hurried into the room. Silence greeted him. Returning to his desk, he again entered upon his task, and hardly had he seated himself when there came a crash from the vaults.

The thought crossed his mind that except for the Police Department he was alone in the building, but Mr. Wilson did not lose his presence of mind. Grasping his revolver he entered the vaults without a moment's hesitation prepared to defend with his life, if need be, the trust imposed in him. But he was not called upon to make the sacrifice. No burglar had managed to thrusting for his life's blood. Mr. Wilson found nothing, not even a mouse.

He has reached the conclusion that the District building has been selected as a habitat for the denizens of the spiritual world or that the moths, being new, are not yet used to the place, and inclined to accept the latter theory.

The Commissioners were among the first to hear the news of the election of Mr. Taft. Commissioner West is fortunate in having an office directly opposite the Munsey building, and he invited a few of his friends to the District building to hear the returns. As the bulletins were flashed on the screen, they were read with the aid of opera glasses.

Commissioners West and Morrow thus had the advantage of receiving the complete returns before the hand of the clock, and witnessing the crowds at the same time, without being subjected to the discomfort of the heat.

Commissioner MacFarland heard the election news at the new Masonic Temple, and later visited the Press Club. Among the officials who assembled in the District building to hear the returns were Health Officer W. C. Woodard, J. H. Gargis, E. E. Helin, and H. C. McLean.

Melvin C. Hazen, District Surveyor, is on a hunting trip in Virginia.

M. Clarke, Jr., has been appointed chief of the new Assessor's office to succeed E. J. Seager, resigned.

J. G. Smyser, of the Water Registrar's office, is spending a few days with relatives in Pennsylvania.

Frank W. Cheek, of the Assessor's office, went to Detroit to vote.

Among those who obtained leave on election day to exercise their right of franchise in the neighboring State of Maryland were George W. Easton, J. A. Melbourne, L. G. Swindells, Dr. J. A. Mull, John Fitzgerald, R. I. Smith, of the Water Registrar's office, and H. H. Sumner, of the office of the Corporation Counsel.

H. A. Hatton, of the Surveyor's office, has been promoted to assistant computer.

Hobart Berrien, of the office of the Collector of Taxes, has been assigned to duty as secretary to Collector Charles C. Rogers.

Frank M. Lancaster, of the Assessor's office, spent a few days in New York last week.

J. W. Harkness, of the Assessor's office, is visiting relatives in Kentucky.

Col. Philip Ward, of the office of the Collector of Taxes, has returned from a visit to Virginia.

The tentative appointment of Gilbert L. Rodier as draftsman in the surface division has been approved by the Commissioners.

Henry Erskine and William E. Maguire have been appointed engineer overseers in the engineer department.

J. J. Strain, captain of the watch, went to New York to vote.

Walter E. Allen, electrical engineer, has returned from a trip to Europe.

ENGRAVING BUREAU PERSONAL NOTES

Among the employees of the wetting division absent the past week for voting purposes were George Reynolds, James A. Frank, W. T. Brown, Maurice S. Carlin, Albert N. Jones, John S. Quander, James H. Connolly, M. M. Syphax, and Oliver C. Terry.

Mrs. Hester Cusick and Mrs. McSenti, of the numbering division, have returned from a pleasant vacation stay in Atlantic City.

Miss Dora Hudson, of the examining division, has been on leave of absence the past week.

Miss Emma Doniphan, of the examining division, has been on a vacation for the past week.

The absentees from section one the past week for election purposes included Charles Gates, James Hasset, Paul Hays, Patrick Rooney, Theodore Mosley, Herman Hartman, Lewis Quessa, William Bowman, B. Newman, John Beck, H. Newman.

George Land, of section eight, left the past week for his old home in St. Louis, Mo., where he will spend his vacation with relatives and friends.

Miss Mary Cunningham, of the examining division, is taking part of her annual leave.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

INA FAGAN'S SUCCESS PLEASES HER FRIENDS

Daughter of Late Employee Makes Good on the Stage Under the Name of Ina Claire—Does Clever Imitations of Noted Personages.

Employees of the Government Printing Office are much interested in the success being attained on the stage by little Miss Ina Fagan, daughter of a former employee of the office, who is making good in vaudeville under the professional name of Ina Claire.

Although Miss Fagan is scarcely in her teens, she is said to have won the hearts of the patrons on Keith's chain of theaters. Miss Fagan has for several years played child parts and rendered dramatic selections at the various entertainments given by the bookbinders and printers of the Government Printing Office, and a few years ago in the "Little Pilgrims," at the Belasco Theater, made a hit in an important part, and attracted Gus Frohman's attention. Mr. Frohman desired to take her in training at once for the professional stage, but the child's age and the mother's consent stood in the way.

Miss Fagan was a pupil at Miss Minerva Hawke's school of dancing and also of Miss Cora Shreve's, learning at these places many of the fancy steps she employs in her work today.

In Robert Hickman's school of acting she was an apt student, and Mr. Hickman heartily predicted an early success on the stage.

Miss Fagan is accompanied on her tours by her mother, Mrs. Cora B. Fagan, formerly employed in the folding room of the printery, who as chaperone and manager, looks after the maternal interests and business details.

Miss Fagan's specialties are impersonations of stage celebrities, particularly Harry Lauder, Eva Tanquary, and Alice Lloyd. She sings an Irish song and the "Blind P-z" song, never failing to delight the hundreds who hear and see her each week. Probably her best work is in her characterization of Eva Tanquary, which, according to a Brooklyn newspaper, brings out round after round of applause and scored a more popular hit than a former favorite at the same place last spring.

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